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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 17 November 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 748 (1992) CONCERNING
THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA

3.30 p.m.*

78th meeting
(closed)

Conference
Room 7

* The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in Conference Room 7, immediately following the meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

*Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157
(United Nations reform: measures and proposals)*

3 p.m.

13th meeting
(closed)

Conference Room 4

Further consideration of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-
6 p.m.

24th meeting

Conference
Room 1

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all agenda items (items 62-83) (A/C.1/52/INF/1 and Add.1)

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION
COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)11.30 a.m.-
1 p.m.

18th meeting

Conference
Room 1

Questions relating to information (A/52/21, A/52/455 and Corr.1) [89]

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m.informal consultations
(closed)Conference
Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals A/C.2/52/L.6 (item 101), A/C.2/52/L.13 (item 96 (b)); the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council decisions 1997/217, 1997/223, 1997/308 and resolutions 1997/42 and 43 (see A/52/3, Chapter I and documents A/52/8 and E/1997/49) (item 12); and the draft proposal A/C.2/52/L.17 (item 97 (g))

3.30 p.m.

42nd meeting

Conference
Room 3

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(b) Trade and development

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.23, L.24 and L.26

2. Environment and sustainable development [98]

(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.22

(c) Protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.21

(d) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.20

(e) Convention of Biological Diversity

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.25

Afternoon*-
6 p.m.informal consultations
(closed)Conference
Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals A/C.2/52/L.17 (item 97 (g)) and A/C.2/52/L.18 (item 97 (e))

* Following the adjournment of the 42nd meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m.

38th meeting

Conference
Room 2

1. Human rights questions [112] (A/52/3, A/52/116, A/52/173, A/52/254-S/1997/567, A/52/262, A/52/286-S/1997/647, A/52/301-S/1997/668, A/52/347, A/52/432, A/52/437, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)] (A/52/468, A/52/469 and Add.1, A/52/473, A/52/474, A/52/475, A/52/483, A/52/489, A/52/494, A/52/498, A/52/548, A/52/567, A/52/477, A/52/66, A/52/81-S/1997/153, A/52/85-S/1997/180, A/52/117, A/52/125-S/1997/334, A/52/133-S/1997/348, A/52/134-S/1997/349, A/52/135, A/52/151, A/52/182, A/52/204, A/52/205)

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)] (A/52/497, A/52/502, A/52/515, A/52/527, A/52/472, A/52/476, A/52/479, A/52/484, A/52/486/Add.1/Rev.1, A/52/490, A/52/493, A/52/496, A/52/499, A/52/505, A/52/506, A/52/510, A/52/522, A/52/583, A/52/61-S/1997/68, A/52/64, A/52/125-S/1997/334, A/52/170)

4. Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [112 (d)] (A/52/36, A/52/182)

5. Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [112 (e)] (A/52/36, A/52/182)

Continuation of the general discussion

Introductory statements by:

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq
 Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran
 Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi

3 p.m.-
 6 p.m. 39th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Implementation of the Outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [106]

Introduction of draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.42

2. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [109]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.40/Rev.1

3. Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.36

4. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [108]

Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.25 and L.39

5. Human rights questions [112] (A/52/3, A/52/116, A/52/173, A/52/254-S/1997/567, A/52/262, A/52/286-S/1997/647, A/52/301-S/1997/668, A/52/347, A/52/432, A/52/437, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

6. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)] (A/52/468, A/52/469 and Add.1, A/52/473, A/52/474, A/52/475, A/52/483, A/52/489, A/52/494, A/52/498, A/52/548, A/52/567, A/52/477, A/52/66, A/52/81-S/1997/153, A/52/85-S/1997/180, A/52/117, A/52/125-S/1997/334, A/52/133-S/1997/348, A/52/134-S/1997/349, A/52/135, A/52/151, A/52/182, A/52/204, A/52/205)

7. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)] (A/52/497, A/52/502, A/52/515, A/52/527, A/52/472, A/52/476, A/52/479, A/52/484, A/52/486/Add.1/Rev.1, A/52/490, A/52/493, A/52/496, A/52/499, A/52/505, A/52/506, A/52/510, A/52/522, A/52/583, A/52/61-S/1997/68, A/52/64, A/52/125-S/1997/334, A/52/170)

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Continuation of the general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 30th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors [113] (A/52/261, A/52/381 and A/52/518)

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/52/5/Add.4)

(c) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/52/5/Add.5)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. United Nations common system [121] (A/52/30 and A/52/439)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Human resources management [153] (A/52/438, A/C.5/51/55 and Corr.1, A/52/7, paras. 107 to 112, A/C.5/52/2 and A/52/574)

Continuation of general discussion

Morning*-
 1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 138 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (A/51/519/Add.5 and Corr.1 and A/52/546))

* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. informal consultations (closed) Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on draft resolution on agenda item 144 (Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property)

Morning*- 1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on agenda item 147 (Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on draft resolution on agenda item 152 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

* Following the adjournment of the informal consultations on agenda item 144.

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* COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

5 p.m.- 6 p.m. 190th meeting Conference Room 5

1. Election of the Chairman of the Committee
2. Chairmanship of the Working Group on Indebtedness

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION

Nineteenth session

10 a.m.- 11.30 p.m. 9th meeting Conference Room 1

Preparation and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303)

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m. closed meeting 633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m. closed meeting 633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal meeting

Under the auspices of the Second Committee, an executive briefing will be held:

Monday, 17 November 1997, from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3: Ms. Mary Robinson, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, on "Human rights and development".

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

Saturday, 15 November 1997

Symposium

A symposium on the theme: "The United Nations and the Global Environment in the 21st Century: From Common Challenges to Shared Responsibilities", organized by the United Nations University, in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), will be held *today*, 15 November, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Monday, 17 November 1997

GROUP OF 77 (on the United Nations reform)

10.30 p.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda item 12)

1.30 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room B

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE: CONTACT GROUP ON JAMMU AND KASHMIR

11 a.m.-
12 noon closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (on the programme budget)

1.30 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on draft proposals A/C.2/52/L.14, L.15 and L.13)

11.30 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room B

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE: OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS REFORM AND THE INCREASE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

12 noon
1 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations

Informal consultations for interested delegations will be held on draft resolution A/52/L.4/Rev.1 on agenda item 156 (Culture of peace) on Monday, 17 November 1997, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Briefing

On behalf of the Friends of Microcredit at the United Nations, the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh, will hold a briefing session on the follow-up of the Microcredit Summit held in Washington D.C. from 2 to 4 February 1997. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, on Monday, 17 November 1997, at 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The main presentation will be given by Professor Muhammad Yunus, Managing Director, Grameen Bank. Other speakers are: Mr. Rafeeuddin Ahmed, Associate Administrator, UNDP; Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Director, UNIFEM; Mr. Sam Daley-Harris, Director, Microcredit Summit Campaign; and Ms. Janet Thompson, Vice-President, Global Community Relations Citicorp. All delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 18 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 1
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SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

Trusteeship
Council Chamber

10 a.m. 31st meeting

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

*Strengthening of the coordination of
humanitarian and disaster relief assistance
of the United Nations, including special
economic assistance (item 20)*

Informal Consultations draft proposals under on item 20 and all its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Tuesday, 18 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal meetings

Under the auspices of the Second Committee, the following executive briefings will be held:

Wednesday, 19 November 1997 from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.:
Mr. Kieran Prendergast, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, on "Peace building and development";

Thursday, 20 November 1997 from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.:
Mr. Yasushi Akashi, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, on "Humanitarian crises and development".

The conference rooms will be announced in due course.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 163rd (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait will take place on Tuesday, 18 November 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in Conference Room 7 immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to the members, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press in the same room.

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Briefing

The Commonwealth Secretary-General, H.E. Chief Emeka Anyaoku, will hold a briefing for the Permanent Representatives of Commonwealth Member States of the United Nations on Tuesday, 18 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal presentation

The International Labour Organization Liaison Office in New York will hold a seminar on "The ILO and the Australian workplace" on Thursday, 20 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The speaker will be Mr. Nick Ruskin, industrial relations lawyer.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 13 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE

27th and 28th meetings

Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism [152]

The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210, Mr. Phillipe Kirsch (Canada), introduced the report of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), Paraguay (on behalf of the Group of Rio), Japan, Mali, Saudi Arabia, Malawi, the Republic of Korea, Brunei Darussalam, Romania, Sri Lanka, Israel, Algeria, Tunisia, China, El Salvador, Malaysia, Maldives, Ukraine, Colombia, Turkey, Pakistan and Nigeria.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirtieth session [148]

The representative of Austria introduced draft resolutions A/C.6/52/L.6 and Corr.1 and A/C.6/52/L.7 and orally amended draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.6.

It was announced that Iceland, Jamaica and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined the list of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.6 and Corr.1.

It was announced that Germany, Iceland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Uruguay, Japan and Colombia has joined the list of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.7 and Corr.1.

Draft resolutions A/C.6/52/L.6, as orally amended, and draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.7 were adopted without a vote.

The representatives of the Russian Federation and China spoke.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [151]

It was announced that Namibia and Finland had joined the list of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.9.

Friday, 14 November 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

3833rd meeting

The situation in Tajikistan and along the Tajik-Afghan border

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Tajikistan (S/1997/859)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Tajikistan, at his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1997/887, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the United States, Japan, Sweden, the United Kingdom, France, the Republic of Korea, Portugal, Chile, Costa Rica, Poland, Kenya, Egypt and Guinea-Bissau, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of China.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1997/887).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1997/887) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1138 (1997).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

23rd meeting

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 62 to 83 (A/C.1/52/INF.1)

The Committee continued the fourth phase of its work, namely, action on draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items.

The representatives of Japan, Colombia and Egypt spoke on draft resolutions A/C.1/52/L.27/Rev.1, A/C.1/52/L.11/Rev.2 and A/C.1/52/L.2, respectively.

Operative paragraph 5(b) of draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.43 was adopted by a recorded vote of 127 to none, with 8 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 7 was adopted by a recorded vote of 123 to none, with 14 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.43 as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 132 to none with 10 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China, Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic, Myanmar, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Algeria, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Monaco.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.3 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.11/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of their positions after the adoption of the resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation and Israel.

3834th meeting

The situation in Sierra Leone

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Sierra Leone, at his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1997/52).

In explanation of vote before the vote on resolution A/C.1/52/L.42/Rev.1, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the United States, Australia, China and Kenya.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.42/Rev.1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 93 to 42, with 9 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), South Africa, New Zealand, Israel, Turkey, Ghana and Argentina.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

In explanation of vote before the vote on draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.27/ Rev.1, statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, Japan, Mexico and Brazil.

The representatives of the United Kingdom and the United States withdrew co-sponsorship of the draft resolution by their respective countries. The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

Preambular paragraph 5 of draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.27/ Rev. 1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 120 to none, with 23 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.27/Rev.1 as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 137 to none, with 8 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China, the Russian Federation, Egypt, the United States, Cuba, Israel, Pakistan, Algeria and Nigeria.

**SPECIAL POLITICAL AND
DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE
(FOURTH COMMITTEE)**

17th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects [88]

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Kyrgyzstan, Slovakia, Georgia, Kenya, Cyprus, Mongolia, the United States, Poland, Ukraine, Botswana and Bangladesh.

The Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General replied to a question posed to him by the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/52/L.9/Rev.1 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 88.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [143] (A/51/432, A/51/530 and Corr.1, A/51/801, A/52/426, A/52/464 and A/C.5/52/12)

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item. The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services responded to questions raised at the Committee's 28th meeting on 12 November 1997.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Mexico.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

Organization of work

The Committee decided, to invite the representatives of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations and the Coordination Committee for International Staff Unions and Associations to make oral statements on Monday, 17 November 1997, in connection with agenda item 121 (United Nations common system).

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Cuba and the United States.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the programme of work for the week of 17-21 November.

THIRD COMMITTEE

36th and 37th meetings

Note: The summary of the 36th and 37th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/223).

FIFTH COMMITTEE

29th meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors [113] (A/52/261, A/52/381 and A/52/518)

(b) *United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/52/5/Add.4)*

(c) *Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/52/5/Add.5)*

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Norway, the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Japan, the United States and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

SIXTH COMMITTEE

29th and 30th meetings

Note: The summary of the 29th and 30th meetings of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/223).

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION
Nineteenth session

8th meeting

Note: The summary of the 8th meeting of the Committee on Information will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/223).

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**International Convention against
Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman
and Degrading Treatment or Punishment**

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE

Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 1997

307th and 308th meetings

*Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under
article 19 of the Convention [4]*

The Committee considered the third periodic report of
Switzerland (CAT/C/34/Add.6).

In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the
representatives of the State party were present at the meetings,
introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied
to questions raised and comments made by members of the
Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

**[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]**

*Agreement on the Establishment of the International Vaccine
Institute, opened for signature at New York on 28 October 1996*

Signature: Jamaica (14 November 1997)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been
scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division
(ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of
attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms.
Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be:
Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML;
Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the
regional groups for the month of November has been com-
municated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Lesotho
Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoela

Asian States:

Uzbekistan
H.E. Mr. Alisher Vohidov

Eastern European States:

Belarus
H.E. Mr. Alyaksandr Sychou

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Antigua and Barbuda
H.E. Mr. Patrick Albert Lewis

Western European and Other States:

Malta
H.E. Mr. George Saliba

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